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Received and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and
Pensions

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Alcohol and
Drug Addiction Recovery Month.

Whereas 26,000,000 people in the United States are addicted
to drugs or alcohol;

Whereas 85 percent of all crime in the United States is re-
lated to drug or alcohol addiction;

Whereas the taxpayers of the United States paid more than
\$150,000,000,000 in drug-related criminal and medical
costs in 1997, which is more than they spent in that year

on education, transportation, agriculture, energy, space exploration, and foreign aid combined;

Whereas each dollar invested in drug and alcohol treatment yields 7 dollars in savings from decreased health care costs, criminal justice costs, and work-related costs caused by absenteeism, injuries, and poor performance;

Whereas treatment for addiction is as effective as treatments for other chronic medical conditions, such as diabetes and high blood pressure;

Whereas adolescents who receive treatment for addiction report using less marijuana and alcohol and being involved in less criminal activity;

Whereas addiction treatment for adolescents also improves the school performance and psychological health of the adolescents;

Whereas a number of organizations and individuals dedicated to fighting addiction and promoting treatment and recovery will recognize September 2001 as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month;

Whereas the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration sponsors the celebration of National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month to encourage citizen action to help expand and improve the availability of effective addiction treatment;

Whereas National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month celebrates the tremendous achievements of individuals who have undergone successful addiction treatment and recognizes those in the field of addiction treatment who have dedicated their lives to helping people recover from addiction; and

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